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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This is the initial office action based on the application filed on September 29, 2003.

Claims 1-33 are currently pending and have been considered below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter that the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 6-7,9-10,12,16, 21 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Appropriate clarification is required on the following claims:

Claim 6 recites the limitation "the properties". There is insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation in this claim; therefore dependent claim 7 is also affected by the same rejection.

Claims 9,10,12,16,21 and 24 contain the trademark/trade name "Java", "java virtual machine" and "Symbian". Where a trademark or trade name is used in a claim as a limitation to identify or describe a particular material or product, the

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claim does not comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph (see *Ex parte Simpson*, 218 USPQ 1020; Bd. App. 1982). The claim scope is uncertain since the trademark or trade name cannot be used properly to identify any particular material or product. A trademark or trade name is used to identify a source of goods, and not the goods themselves. Thus, a trademark or trade name does not identify or describe the goods associated with the trademark or trade name. In the present case, the trademark/trade names are used to identify/describe a family of products generated in the proprietary programming language called "Java", "java virtual machine" and a software called "Symbian", accordingly, the identifications/descriptions are indefinite.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language

5. Claims 1-6,8-15, 17-24,26-29 and 31-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lavian, et al. (US 6772205).

Claim 1: Lavian discloses a method of communication between a target/terminal equipment and an accessory connected to the terminal equipment, comprising:

- a. Providing a client application interface (fig. 2/226, col. 6, lines 44-50; fig. 1);
- b. Executing a device software application on a device (fig. 1, col. 3, lines 5-10); and
- c. Executing a proxy application within the target/terminal equipment (fig. 7, col. 9, lines 55-60; col. 10, lines 52-54).

Claim 2: Lavian discloses a method of communication as in claim 1 above and further discloses that the step of identifying/detecting the devices connected on the network (fig. 1, col. 3, lines 18-25).

Claim 3: Lavian discloses a method of communication as in claim 1 above and further discloses downloading application such as a proxy application (fig. 1, col. 3, lines 4-30; fig. 5, col. 8, lines 10-25).

Claim 4: Lavian discloses a method of communication as in claim 3 above and further discloses executing the downloaded application (fig. 5, col. 8, lines 10-30).

Claim 5: Lavian discloses a method of communication as in claim 1 above and further discloses the proxy application assisting in the conversion and processing of the instruction data sent to the target/terminal equipment (abstract; fig. 7, col. 10, lines 64-67).

Claim 6: Lavian discloses a method of communication as in claim 1 above and further discloses storing features/properties information associated with the device network and distributing them to software applications (fig. 7, col. 10, lines, 16-27).

Claim 8: Lavian discloses a method of communication as in claim 1 above and further discloses that multiple software applications are downloaded and executed on the network devices (col. 2, lines 49-55; fig. 5, col. lines 9-30).

Claim 9: Lavian discloses a method of communication as in claim 1 above and further discloses that the proxy application is a java application and the proxy application is interpreted by a java virtual machine (fig. 7, col. 11, lines 1-35).

Claim 10: Lavian discloses a method of communication as in claim 1 above and further discloses that the accessory software application is a java application and the application is interpreted in the accessory by a java virtual machine (fig. 7, col. 11, lines 1-35).

Claim 11: Lavian discloses a method of communication as in claim 1 above and further discloses a proxy mode for the processing of software application (fig. 7, col. 11, lines 20-25).

Claim 12: Lavian discloses a method of communication as in claim 1 above and further discloses converting non-java application to java application by using a proxy device application (fig. 7, col. 11, lines 1-67).

Claim 13: Lavian discloses a method of communication as in claim 1 above and further discloses executing non-java application by using the proxy application (fig. 7, col. 11, lines 1-67).

Claim 14: Lavian discloses a method of communication as in claim 1 above and further discloses that the services offered by the target/terminal device comprise communication services and user interface services (fig. 1, col. 3, lines 50-67; fig. 2, col. 4, lines 1-29).

Claim 15: Lavian discloses a method of communication as in claim 1 above and further discloses that a device software application downloaded from a server enables a user of the device to operate the target/terminal equipment (fig. 2, col. 4, lines 30-35).

Claim 17: Lavian discloses a device /terminal equipment comprising:

a. A connection interface enabling an accessory to be connected to the terminal equipment (fig. 1, col. 3, lines 30-59);

b. An application interface to services offered by the terminal (fig. 2/226, col. 6, lines 44—50); and

c. A software platform configured to execute a proxy application (fig. 7, col. 11, lines 1-35).

Claim 18: Lavian discloses a device /terminal equipment as in claim 17 above and further discloses a device configured to download a proxy application (fig. 1/102, col. 3, lines 1-15).

Claim 19: Lavian discloses a device /terminal equipment as in claim 17 above and further discloses an accessory manager configured to obtain information about accessory software in an accessory connected to the target/terminal device (fig. 1/106,116 col. 3, lines 31-59).

Claim 20: Lavian discloses a device /terminal equipment as in claim 17 above and further discloses that the terminal equipment detecting the connecting of devices (fig. 5, col. 8, lines 10-30).

Claim 21: Lavian discloses a device /terminal equipment as in claim 17 above and further discloses executing a proxy device application in the device/terminal with java software platform (fig. 7, col. 11, lines 1-67).

Claim 22: Lavian discloses a device /terminal equipment as in claim 17 above and further discloses that the software platform is configured to execute a proxy application providing in the terminal equipment a non-java application interface (fig. 7, col. 11, lines 1-67).

Claim 23: Lavian discloses a device /terminal equipment as in claim 17 above and further discloses that the software platform is configured to execute a proxy application providing a user interface of an device connected to the target/terminal (fig. 8, col. 12, lines 5-21; fig. 7, col. 11, lines 1-67).

Claim 24: Lavian discloses a device /terminal equipment as in claim 17 above and further discloses that the software platform is a java virtual machine (fig. 7, col. 11, lines 1-67).

Claim 26: Lavian discloses a device accessory for a target/ terminal, comprising:

- a. Means for connecting a device/accessory to the terminal equipment (fig. 1, col. 2, lines 64-67, col. 3, lines 1-3; fig. 2, col. 4, lines 8-10); and
- b. Means for executing a device software application (fig. 1, col. 3, lines 4-15; fig. 5, col. 8, lines 9-30).

Claim 27: Lavian discloses a device accessory for a target/terminal as in claim 26 above and further discloses means for uploading a proxy application to the target/terminal device (fig. 4, col. 7, lines 50-67).

Claim 28: Lavian discloses a device accessory for a target/terminal as in claim 26 above and further discloses that the accessory is a cover (fig. 2 col. 4, lines 30-35). The elements " printers and keyboard" connected to the target/terminal of Lavian reference meets the claimed limitation of the claim based on the applicant's disclosed statement in the specification.

Claim 29: Lavian discloses a device accessory for a target/terminal as in claim 26 above and further discloses that the accessory is an independently functioning external device (fig. 1, col. 3, lines 1-3).

Claim 31: Lavian discloses a device accessory for a target/terminal as in claim 26 above and further discloses that the accessory has a wire line connection to the terminal equipment (fig. 2, col. 4, lines 30-35).

Claim 32: Lavian discloses a device accessory for a target/terminal as in claim 26 above and further discloses that the user interface of the network device accessory is provided by a client application interface of the target/terminal device (fig. 1, col. 3, lines 50-55, fig. 2/226, col. 6, lines 44-50).

Claim 33: Lavian discloses a device accessory for a target/terminal as in claim 26 above and further discloses a user interface of the target/terminal device is provided by a device accessory (fig. 1, col. 3, lines 1-67).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) which forms the basis for all obvious rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 16 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Lavian et al. (6772205).

Claims 16 and 25: Lavian discloses a method and device of communication as in claims 1 and 17 above and further discloses an embodiment modules in memory of the target/terminal device including a real time operating system (RTOS) (fig. 2, col. 4, lines 35-40). However, software platform "Symbian" is a type of RTOS widely used in the art of wireless devices communication system. Therefore it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Lavian's invention with the claimed element " Symbian software platform " in order to reduce the cost of implementing the real time operating system (RTOS) in Kallior's invention. One would have been motivated to implement a "Symbian" software platform on a wireless communication system with multiple network devices because it is less costly to implement and because of compatibility with a wider variety of existing software packages..

8. Claims 7 and 30 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Lavian et al. (US 6772205) in view of Goldstein et al (20040152457).

Claim 7: Lavian discloses a method of communication as in claim 1 above and further discloses storing features/properties information associated with the device network and distributing them to software applications (fig. 7, col. 10, lines, 16-27), but he does not explicitly disclose that the parameter type version of an application interface is included in the properties/features list. However, in the same field of endeavor Goldstein discloses that the software program version is a valuable information for downloading the correct software program of a given device brand and model (paragraph 11 and 12). Therefore it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Lavian's invention with Golstein's invention in order to download and install the correct functions required for operating a communication device. Therefore, one would have been motivated to download from a server correct versions of application program such as device driver in order improve the functional capabilities of wireless devices equipment within a communication system.

Claim 30: Lavian discloses a device accessory for a target/ terminal as in claim 26 and he further discloses that the accessory devices have a wired line connection to the target/terminal equipment (fig. 2, col. 4, lines 30-35), but he does not explicitly

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discloses that the accessory devices have a wireless connection to the target/terminal equipment. However, in the same field of endeavor Goldstein discloses a wireless target/terminal communication device, connected to peripheral accessory devices with automatic download of operating programs and current software version (Abstract). Therefore it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Lavian's invention with Golstein's invention and use wireless device in order to allow the entities responsible for selling the peripheral devices to have control of their functions supported and for easy upload and upgrade of new versions of software program. Therefore, one would be motivated to use wireless devices accessories within a communication system in order to reduce maintenance cost for uploading and upgrade software program embedded within wireless equipment devices.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure.

Findikli (20050014531) discloses a System and Method of Software Transfer Between a Mobile Phone and a Mobile Phone Accessory.

Miyatsu et al (20050014531) discloses a Mobile Internet solution using java application combined with local wireless interface.

Margaritidis, I.; Polyzos, G.C. MobiWeb: enabling adaptive continuous media applications over 3G wireless links, Volume 7, Issue 6, Dec. 2000 Page(s):36 - 41


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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, contact the examiner's supervisor, William Thomson at (571) 272-3718. The fax phone number for formal or official faxes to Technology Center 3600 is (571) 273-8300. Draft or informal faxes, which will not be entered in the application, may be submitted directly to the examiner at (571) 273-6722.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group Receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-3600.

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